



## MEMORANDUM

Date: January 29, 2007

To: California Public Libraries

From: Susan Hildreth  
State Librarian of California

RE: 2007/08 "California of the Past" Pilot Grant Program

I'm pleased to announce we are now accepting applications for the 2007/08 "California of the Past" Pilot Grant Program.

Under this program, the State Library will provide up to five libraries a digital storytelling station, onsite training in use of the digital station and in promotion of the project, and a small grant to support the promotion and operations of a digital storytelling station. During the pilot grant year, those libraries selected to participate in the pilot program will encourage members of the community to visit the library to record their memories of California or of their local community in the past, for example, stories of what main street used to be like, or memories of raising their children the community, or stories their parents would tell of life in the area when they first moved here. These stories can address the recent past or distant past. Both long time residents and more recent residents are encouraged to share their memories. These digital stories will be made accessible on a central website of "California of the Past" stories.

The program guidelines and application forms for this pilot program can be found on our website at [www.library.ca.gov/html/lsta\\_app\\_07\\_08.cfm](http://www.library.ca.gov/html/lsta_app_07_08.cfm).

The deadline for receipt of applications is 4:00 p.m. on April 9, 2007.

If you have any questions concerning the application or pilot program, please contact Kathy Low, Library Programs Consultant, at (916) 653-6822, or by email at [klow@library.ca.gov](mailto:klow@library.ca.gov).